

to the first speaker **24a**, the sixth speaker **24f**, the seventh speaker **24g** and the eighth speaker **24h** that are closest to the representation of the audio source and not to direct the audio signals to the other speakers, that is, the second speaker **24b**, the third speaker **24c**, the fourth speaker **24d** and the fifth speaker **24e**, that are further from the representation of the audio source. Thus, the audio output generated by selection of the audio source will be output generally from the left-hand side of the computing device **20** and not from the right-hand side of the computing device so as to provide the user with additional context regarding the relative location of the representation of the audio source within the content presented upon the display of the computing device. As another example, in response to the user selection of the representation of the audio source designated **42** in FIG. **4**, which is located in the lower right corner of the display, the processor may be configured to cause the audio signals resulting from the selection of the audio source to be directed to the second speaker **24b**, the third speaker **24c**, the fourth speaker **24d** and the fifth speaker **24e** that are closest to the representation of the audio source and not to direct the audio signals to the other speakers, that is, the first speaker **24a**, the sixth speaker **24f**, the seventh speaker **24g** and the eighth speaker **24h**, that are further from the representation of the audio source. Thus, the audio output generated by selection of the audio source will be output generally from the right-hand side of the computing device **20** and not from the left-hand side of the computing device so as to provide the user with additional context regarding the relative location of the representation of the audio source within the content presented upon the display of the computing device.

[0051] By way of further example in which the representation of the audio source is provided by user-selectable tab associated with the content as shown in FIG. **5**, the user selection of the left-most tab **44**, e.g., Tab **1**, may cause the processor **12** to preferentially direct the audio signals that are generated upon execution of the audio source to the first speaker **24a** and the eighth speaker **24h** that are most closely located relative to the position of the tab upon the display **22** and not to the other speakers that are further from the tab that has been selected by the user. Conversely, in an instance in which the user has selected the right-most tab, e.g., Tab **8**, the audio signals generated by execution of the audio source may be preferentially directed by the processor to the second speaker **24b** and the third speaker **24c** that are located closest to the right-most tab and not to the other speakers that are further from the representation of the audio source. As such, the method, apparatus and computing device to this embodiment may provide context to the user with respect to the relative location of the tab that has been selected.

[0052] In an example embodiment, the apparatus **10**, such as the processor **12**, may be configured to cause audio signals generated not only by the audio source(s) having representation(s) within the content displayed in response to the selection of a respective tab, but also or alternatively to cause audio signals to be generated by the audio source(s) having representation(s) within the content associated with one or more of the tabs that have not been selected. In this embodiment, the processor may be configured to preferentially direct the audio signals from the audio source(s) having representation(s) within the content associated with one or more of the tabs that have not been selected to one or more speakers located most closely to the respective tab, such as the second speaker **24b** and the third speaker **24c** in regards to the right most tab of the

FIG. **5**. Additionally or alternatively, the processor may be configured to control the volume of the audio signals generated by the audio source(s) having representation(s) within the content associated with one or more of the tabs that have not been selected, such as by causing the audio signals to be played with a lower volume in relation to the audio signals generated by the audio source(s) having representation(s) in the content associated with the selected tab.

[0053] The processor **12** may alternatively or additionally be configured to cause the audio signals to be output by a plurality of speakers **24** and to also cause the audio signals output by the plurality of speakers to have different volumes based upon the location of the representation of the audio source relative to the display **22** and also based upon the respective positions of the plurality of speakers relative to the display. With respect to the example of FIG. **4** in which the audio source associated with the representation designated **40** is generating audio signals, the processor of this embodiment may be configured to cause the first speaker **24a** and the eighth speaker **24h** to output the audio signals with an equal, but greater volume, and may cause the sixth speaker **24f** and the seventh speaker **24g** to output the same audio signals with the seventh speaker generating the same audio signals with an intermediate volume and the sixth speaker generating the same audio signals with even a lesser volume since the first and eighth speakers are equidistant from the representation of the audio source upon the display, but are closer to the representation of the audio source upon the display than the sixth and seventh speakers, which are increasingly further from the representation of the audio source upon the display than the first and eighth speakers.

[0054] As another example, in an instance in which the processor **12** may be configured to direct the audio signals generated by the audio source associated with the representation designated **42** in FIG. **4** to the second speaker **24b**, the third speaker **24c**, the fourth speaker **24d** and the fifth speaker **24e**, the processor may be configured to cause the fourth and the fifth speakers to output the audio signals with an equal, but greater volume, and may cause the third speaker to output the same audio signals with an intermediate volume and the second speaker to output the same audio signals with a lesser volume. In this regard, the fourth and fifth speakers are equidistant from the representation of the audio source upon the display **22**, but are closer to the representation of the audio source upon the display than the third and second speakers, which are also equidistant from the representation of the audio source upon the display, but are increasingly further from the representation of the audio source upon the display than the fourth and fifth speakers.

[0055] Still further, in an instance in which the representation of the audio source is provided by a user-selectable tab associated with the content and further in an instance as shown in FIG. **5** in which the left-most tab **44**, e.g., Tab **1**, has been selected and the audio signals are directed to the first speaker **24a**, the second speaker **24b**, the seventh speaker **24g** and the eighth speaker **24h**, the processor **12** may be further configured to cause the first and the eighth speakers to output the audio signals with an equal, but greater volume, and may cause the second and seventh speakers to output the same audio signals with an equal, but lesser, volume. In this regard, the first and eighth speakers are equidistant from the representation of the audio source upon the display **22**, but are closer to the representation of the audio source upon the display than the second and seventh speakers, which are also